

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE.

ALGER RESIGNS WAR PORTFOLIO

His Michigan Visit Assigned as the Cause.

PRINCIPALS WON'T TALK

Although the Resignation Was Tended to the Pleasure of the President It Will Become Effective August 1st.—The Secretary's Retirement the Result of a Conference With Vice-President Hobart.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, July 19.—Secretary Alger to-day tendered to the President his resignation of the war portfolio. The resignation will become effective August 1st, though it was tendered "at the pleasure of the President."

Gossip has begun already as to his successor, but it is entirely speculative, for notwithstanding the reports that Mr. Alger would not long continue at the head of the War Department, his actual resignation came suddenly and unexpectedly. So late as last night, at this time that some of the cabinet officers, when the news first became public, were inclined to regard the announcement as premature.

McKINLEY WILL ACCEPT. Formal acceptance of the resignation had not been made by the President up to a late hour to-night, but will be in a letter to be written within the next day or two.

No official statement as to the cause of the resignation was procurable either from the President or from Secretary Alger, neither of whom would talk on the subject. Nor was the letter of resignation obtainable at this time. For the present nothing will be made known officially concerning the severance of the official relations between the President and his war minister, but later on the correspondence closing the latter's career as chief of the War Department doubtless will be given to the press.

SPECULATION. The belief had prevailed in Washington for some time that Secretary Alger would resign from the cabinet, but the date generally set for it was toward the close of the year after he had submitted his annual report, in which he intended to sum up what had been accomplished during his brief but eventful direction of the War Department.

His tender then had been regarded as almost a foregone conclusion in view of Mr. Alger's announcement about a month ago that he had concluded to enter into competition for the vacancy in the United States Senate to succeed Senator McMillan, a strong supporter of the Administration, and that he had enlisted in his active support Governor Pingree, to whom had been attributed free criticisms of the policy that was supposed to be cherished by the President toward the Filipinos.

A RUPTURE.

There have been many explanations and denials of the facts in the case, but in the end the impression was conveyed that the result of the Michigan visit of the Secretary had been to change the relations between the President and himself to such a degree as to make a restoration of their former status impossible and to render the connection of the two as part of the same official family undesirable. At one time since then there was ground for the belief that a rupture might be avoided, but this belief ceased to be held when the news spread that Vice-President Hobart and Secretary Alger were in conference at Normanhurst. It was largely, at least, as a result of this conference that Secretary Alger decided to leave the Cabinet at this time. At this conference there were present, beside Secretary Alger, his military aide and close personal and political friend and adviser, Major Hopkins, and perhaps some other persons or person who also felt a deep interest in the future of the Secretary.

WHAT OCCURRED AT SEASIDE.

There has been no disclosure of what passed by the seaside, but it is significant that the return of the Secretary to Washington was followed by prompt action. He arrived in Washington last night, too late to make any official call. Almost before the Executive Departments were opened for business this morning he called at the White House and visiting the President in his office, announced that he had concluded to resign his office. What passed between himself and the President is a matter of surmise, for neither have anything to say on that point.

THE SUCCESSOR.

Among the names which have been mentioned from time to time in this direction when talk of Secretary Alger's forthcoming resignation has been free have been those of General Horace Porter, of New York, now Ambassador to France; Governor Roosevelt, of New York; General Harrison Gray Otis, and Assistant Secretary McKeljohn. The name of General Corbin has been mentioned in connection with an appointment, pending the selection of a permanent occupant of the office. This gossip also included questions of locality, and the opinion was expressed in some well posted quarters that the selection would be made from the West. All this, however, is mere speculation and it seems probable from the fact that the resignation was submitted only to-day, that the President has not yet had time to canvass the situation and make a selection.

CABINET CHANGES.

Secretary Alger's departure from the Cabinet will leave in it only three of

those members who entered it at the beginning of the administration, namely, Messrs. Gage, Long and Wilson. The number of changes that have occurred in the two and a half years of its life have been very unusual. Six Cabinet officers in all have resigned their portfolios either to retire to private life or to accept other positions of honor and trust at the hands of the President. These include Secretary of State Sherman, who went out because of ill-health and advanced age, and Secretary Day, who accepted a United States Judgeship. Attorney General McKenna accepted a position on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States; Postmaster General Gary, who retired because of ill-health, and Secretary Bliss, of the Interior Department, who returned to New York and resumed active connection with business affairs.

SPANISH PRISONERS.

THOSE IN AGUINALDO'S HANDS TO BE RANSOMED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) (By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Manila, July 19.—5:55 P. M.—The Spanish commission charged with negotiating for the release of Spanish prisoners held by the Filipinos, except to return to Tarlac soon with full authority to secure the release of all the prisoners. The commissioners hope to be able to make arrangements under which the money to be paid for the ransom of Spanish captives will be deposited in the bank, to be drawn by the Filipinos at a future date, so that the money cannot be used to carry on the war against the United States.

AGUINALDO IGNORED.

The Filipinos refused to allow civilian prisoners to embark on board a ship leaving Manila, although they had passports signed by Aguinaldo. There have been terrific rains here during the last two days. In consequence it has been necessary to use boats in moving about the streets of Manila, and the whole country is flooded. The total precipitation thus far in July has been 37 inches and in the last thirty-one hours twelve inches of rain have fallen.

GUNBOAT FIRED UPON.

Insurgents concealed on the bank of the Rio Grande to-day fired on the gunboat Laguna de Bay, killing one soldier and wounding two. The gunboat trained a Gatling gun upon the shore and quickly dispersed the insurgents.

THE GREAT STRIKE.

NEW BLOOD INFUSED INTO BROOKLYN SITUATION.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New York, July 19.—The strike ordered this morning on the lines of the Metropolitan Street Railway, in New York, infused new blood into the strike in Brooklyn and did not tend to improve matters.

The arrest of twenty-one men charged with conspiracy to destroy the elevated railroad this morning at Fifth Avenue and Thirty-sixth street, had little effect on the public, although it was expected public sympathy would turn against the strikers.

The car service was very poor. In the earlier part of the day 55 per cent. of the cars of the Brooklyn Heights system were operated, but this was lessened to a considerable extent later in the day. On the Nassau lines cars worked on half headway all day. The twenty-one men who were arrested were arraigned in the afternoon at the Adams Street Police Court before Magistrate Brenner. They were represented by counsel, who pleaded not guilty in their behalf and demanded an immediate hearing. The original charge of vagrancy, on which the men had been held, was dismissed and they answered to a charge of conspiracy, substantiated by the affidavit of William Asha, an "investigator."

At about 8 o'clock a great crowd gathered between Forty-second and Forty-fifth streets and attempted to overthrow the cars that came along about thirty minutes apart. Policeman Owen Conovan, who was on a car bound south, was hit on the head with a brick and knocked off his seat to the pavement. His left eye was almost knocked out. Louis Minkus, a nine-year-old boy, got in front of a policeman's club and in the excitement the bluecoat made no distinction. The boy was knocked over and was carried home with a bad scalp wound.

Mike Sheridan, a strike sympathizer, of East Forty-second street, was taken home with a fractured skull. A sergeant and forty reserves were got out on the double quick and dispersed the crowd, making a number of arrests.

SURVEYORS CARRIED OFF.

OUTBREAKS AGAINST THE FOREIGN ELEMENT IN CHINA.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Victoria, B. C., July 19.—Advices received by the steamship Empress, of India, indicate that the perennial outbreaks in China against the foreign element are again taking place. While engaged in constructing a railway near Kiao-Chow, the Lemon party was attacked and three surveyors carried off. A dispatch from Foo-Chow to a Yokohama paper says: The gentry of Kiating have issued a proclamation ordering the destruction of all foreigners. The anti-foreign spirit is said to be spreading down the river to Quening and Suikow.

Disturbances occurred at Mujeto on June 2, in which the customs building was burned and the quarters of the out-door staff and French consulate were plundered. The foreigners are safe so far.

Yellow Fever Attacks Troops.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., July 19.—Surgeon General Sternberg has received a cable from Havana saying a second case of yellow fever has appeared in the Fifteenth Infantry, also a teamster in the Sixth Cavalry has been stricken. Both of these regiments are in Puerto Principe. The Fifteenth will move into a new camp.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEMEN

Party Managers and Leaders to Confer in Chicago.

ADDRESS FROM NEW YORK

Questions of Political Movement to Be Considered To-day—At Held-Harrison Factional Fight May Be Ignored—Representatives of Chicago Platform—Democrats of New York Issue Ringing Address to National Committee.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Chicago, July 19.—Acting Chairman William J. Stone, of Missouri, will call to order to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Sherman House the Democratic National Committee.

The Democrats gathered here expect to be busy with questions of political moment during the whole of the day. William Jennings Bryan will probably sit as a committeeman, arrangements

Altefeld, Senators Jones, Teller and Allen and William J. Stone. This rule will provide that all committees, auxiliary and otherwise, of the National Committee, shall be made up only of members of the big committee. As Mr. Altefeld is not a member of the National Committee, the adoption of this rule would prevent his serving on any auxiliary committee.

According to the plan of action given out to-day, there will be two subsidiary committees named—the Finance Committee, which will take the place of the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Executive Committee, which, in addition to its other duties, will take charge of the Press Bureau.

It was predicted to-day that if a sub-committee of the Finance Committee is named to do the work which has been done by the Ways and Means Committee, Urey Woodson, of Kentucky, and Judge Johnson, of Kansas, will be two of its members and that Samuel B. Cook, of Missouri, will be made Superintendent.

THE PRESS BUREAU.

Mr. Woodson and Mr. Johnson, who were members of the committee selected to enquire into the protest made by Thomas Cahen against P. J. Davlin, press agent of the National Committee, have their report ready to submit to-morrow. The report is understood to censure Mr. Davlin for the part he took in the Harrison-Altefeld campaign last Spring, and to recommend the abolition of the press bureau.

It is intimated that the resignations of Senator Teller and Allen and ex-Governor Stone as members of the "auxiliary," or Ways and Means Committee, will be handed in to-morrow. Senator Jones' absence in Europe will leave Mr.

THE SENATORIAL CANVASS

Tidings From Manassas Horse Fair Eagerly Awaited.

RICHMOND COMMITTEE

Refusal of That Body to Give Voters Chance to Express Their Choice of Senatorial Candidates Causes Such Dissatisfaction—Talk With Governor Tyler—Petitions Received from a Martin Stronghold.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., July 19.—Politicians will eagerly await the tidings from the Manassas Horse Fair for something of interest in the senatorial fight is expected to happen there. Just what it will be nobody knows, though the presence of both Governor Tyler and Senator Martin at the show is bound to attract attention and excite curiosity. It may be that the two candidates can be prevailed upon to speak, but whether

to receive instructions from the voters and the people wanted a chance to vote for their choice. No additional cost was involved and just why this popular resolution was turned down is somewhat of a mystery. The question was not debated. No one on the committee had a word to say against the proposition. Yet fourteen voted against it, while ten supported it. Some of those who supported the resolution were Tyler men and some were friends of Mr. Martin. There were both Martin and Tyler men among those who cast the vote in favor of laying the proposition on the table.

INTEREST AROUSED.

The failure of the committee to carry out the wishes of apparently a great majority of the Democrats has resulted in much adverse criticism and has aroused more interest in politics than has been manifested for sometime.

THE GOVERNOR'S OPINION.

Governor Tyler was asked by a Virginian-Pilot man what he thought of the primary plan adopted last night, and what he would do. He said: "Well, I hardly know what to do. You see it was announced in the papers that my name and Mr. Martin's would be on the ticket, but now since I came down with a view of getting things in shape on that line, it was decided suddenly last night that no direct vote would be had between Mr. Martin and myself. Why this action, I do not know. They have been doing a great deal of boasting—they ought not to have been afraid, I suppose, though, they concluded it would be better to fight on the popularity of their candidates for the House. Well, this will be perhaps better for them, but I do not exactly see which one they will select. I have only a few days left now, since the plans have been changed, and have hardly time to select and bring out five candidates to run for me. It may be that some of the candidates are not for Mr. Martin, and if it was a recognized fact it is more than probable that they may receive the votes of my friends."

YOUNG MEN'S LITTLE NET.

I love the young men who are directing matters on the committee. I can't help but loving them on account of the friendship most of them showed for me two years ago, but I do not like the little "net" they have spread. I do not know much about politics, but I think I could have done better than they have to-day for the Horse Show at Manassas. I reckon they will not do the best they can. Should Richmond go against me, under the circumstances and conditions that now exist, my friends should not be too much astonished; and, as much as I would like to have the backing of this good city, I suppose I'll have to win without it, but I believe if the people here were given time they would resent such methods. I know the rest of the State, where time will be given, will do it.

ANXIOUS FOR POPULAR VOTE.

"I am glad that at least one good precedent has been established, that of requiring candidates to state who they are for before the people vote for them, but why a direct vote between Mr. Martin and myself was denied I cannot tell, unless it is in keeping with their unwillingness that a popular vote should be had. I am not only willing, but anxious to submit my claims to a popular vote, and my friends are urging this method wherever it can be had."

UNAUTHORIZED STATEMENT.

The feature of to-day's campaign was the announcement upon authority close to the Governor that Edwin W. Glass, of Lynchburg, would support his candidacy. Mr. Glass telegraphs here this morning that no one was authorized to make such a statement.

A MARTIN STRONGHOLD.

Governor Tyler has received about half a dozen petitions from Halifax county, endorsing his candidacy. It was thought to be strong for Mr. Martin. It is probable that Tyler will open the campaign there. Either Congressman Jones or some speaker of equal ability will go there.

Filipino Peace Commissions Contradicted.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Fort Thomas, Ky., July 19.—General Thomas M. Anderson, commander of the Department of the Lakes, was seen here to-day by a representative of the Associated Press and asked for a statement concerning the Minneapolis Times article from its correspondent at Manila, in which the Filipino Peace Commission was charged with having given in his honor at Cavite, had said that the Americans had not come to the Philippines for the purpose of taking one foot of territory with the view of permanent possession, but for the purpose of giving the Filipinos independence. General Anderson very promptly and decidedly said he had never used any such language.

The President's Next Vacation.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, July 19.—President and Mrs. McKinley will leave Washington within a week for a pleasure trip, designed mainly for the benefit of Mrs. McKinley's health. They will go to Lake Champlain, where the President's health was restored last year, and will be absent from Washington for at least two weeks. On their way back they may stop at Long Branch and pay the promised visit to Vice-President Hobart. Mrs. McKinley's health does not improve as rapidly as was hoped and the President desires to take her to some quiet spot.

More Colonels Appointed.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, July 19.—Captain William E. Berkheimer, Third Artillery, and Captain Lyman B. Kennon, Sixth Infantry, have been named Colonels of volunteers. This completes the list of volunteer Colonels. Colonel Berkheimer has been assigned to the Twenty-eighth Infantry, and Colonel Kennon to the Thirty-fourth.

RECRUITING IS SLOW WORK

War Department is Offering Extra Inducements to Volunteers.

THE SCHEMES WORKED

Disappointed Applicants For Commissions are Advised to Enter Ranks, as in That Way They May Succeed, Commissions Will Be Given to Men Who Can Furnish Not Less than Forty Recruits.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., July 19.—The reports of recruiting yesterday show that 410 men were enrolled, making a total of 2,678. The Thirty-first Regiment leads, with 546, and the Twenty-seventh follows, with 505.

The War Department is offering extra inducements to expedite the recruitment of the ten volunteer regiments. Nearly all the commissions having been issued, many of the disappointed applicants have been advised to enter the ranks, as in that way it may be possible for them to secure commissions. General Corbin says that the policy of the Administration will be to fill all vacancies which may occur among the commissioned officers from the ranks of the regiments where they occur. A number of applicants for commissions have enlisted as privates in the different regiments. These men have been appointed non-commissioned officers, wherever possible, and consequently are next in line of promotion to commissioned rank in the event of a vacancy.

Another method of securing recruits is to offer commissions to men otherwise qualified who will undertake to furnish in each case not less than forty men who can pass muster as soldiers and will enlist for service in the Philippines. There have been several cases of this kind during the past week. A former officer of the Texas Volunteer Infantry recently told General Corbin that he would guarantee to recruit two hundred good men from Texas, provided he was assured of a commission. General Corbin promised him a second lieutenantcy, and he would recruit even forty men for the volunteer army.

WELCOME TO DEWEY.

AUSTRIAN PRESS PLACES PIA WITH NELSON AND DERUITER

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Vienna, July 19.—The Neue Freie Presse has an article to-day heartily welcoming Admiral Dewey to Austria. Recalling the bold coup de main at Cavite, the Neue Freie Presse says: "The great welcome extended to Admiral Dewey is intended not only for the hero, but above all to the glorious representative of the American nation to which Austria-Hungary is united by so many ties of interests."

AMERICANS ARRIVE.

Trieste, July 19.—Congressman Geo. E. Ross, of Chicago, and Lieutenant Commander William H. Beecher, naval attaché of the United States delegation at Vienna, arrived here to-day to welcome Admiral Dewey.

WILL FIGHT GOEBEL.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS WILL PROTEST DEMOCRATIC TICKET

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Bowling Green, Ky., July 19.—The Warren county faction, opposed to the candidacy of W. J. Goebel, who was nominated for Governor at the recent Democratic convention, have issued a call for a meeting to be held here Monday, July 24th, to protest against Goebel and the Louisville convention. The call is signed by 569 persons, comprising about one-fourth the Democratic vote of the county. It declares that the convention "was perverted from its true purpose by the arbitrary unseating of delegates, by fraud and corrupt bargaining and by unjust and unprecedented acts of Chairman Redwine," and says that in the opinion of the Democrats of Kentucky there has been no ticket nominated entitled to their support. An effort will be made to nominate a full ticket.

In a State of Siege.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, July 19.—U. S. Consul Jenkins, at San Salvador, has reported to the State Department by cable that San Salvador is in a state of siege as the result of revolutionary plotting.

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HON. W. J. STONE AND THE MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN CHICAGO.

Owing to the absence in Europe of Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, ex-Governor William J. Stone of Missouri will preside at the meeting of the committee in Chicago on Thursday. Ex-Governor John P. Altgeld of Illinois has arranged for a free silver demonstration to be held in the Auditorium. He invited Mayor Carter Harrison to speak at this meeting, but the mayor declined.

PROMINENT MEN PRESENT.

Among the prominent Democrats here to-day are George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts; Oliver H. P. Belmont, of New York; Clark Howell, of Atlanta; Congressman James A. Norton, of Ohio; William J. Stone and Senator Francis M. Cockrell, of Missouri; Colonel Victor Baughman, of Maryland, proxy for Arthur P. Gorman; William Goebel, Democratic candidate for Governor of Kentucky; Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama; William J. Otey, of Virginia; William R. Burke, proxy for Committeeman Dwyer, of California; John P. Shafroth, of Colorado; Colonel John I. Martin, of St. Louis; Frank Campbell, of New York; J. G. Johnson, of Kansas; and Judge James P. Tarkin, of Kentucky, president of the Ohio Valley Bimetallic League.

SITUATION IN NEW YORK.

Chicago, July 19.—Representatives of the Chicago platform of the State of New York to-night issued an address "to the members of the Democratic National Committee, and to the Democratic voters of the United States," as follows:

We, acting as a committee, created and authorized by the Chicago Platform Democracy of the State of New York, desire to make public the following well established facts concerning the situation in the State of New York, believing that everything affecting the political situation in that great State is of national, rather than merely local importance.

It is the case or not, it is pretty safe to predict that each of them will do a tremendous amount of individual work. Governor Tyler is just the kind of man who knows how to make himself pleasant on short acquaintance, and when it comes to a still hungrier there are few in the land who can beat Senator Martin. In fact, they say he is as capable itself at all times.

The Governor left this afternoon at 2:15 for Manassas, after spending the morning at the Mansion. He received many visitors who came here on an excursion from Norfolk, given under the auspices of the First Baptist Church of that city. The excursionists were shown through the fine old house and everything possible was done to make them enjoy their visit to the mansion.

MUCH DISSATISFACTION.

The action of the City Democratic Committee in refusing to give the voters of Richmond a chance to express their choice of Senatorial candidates has excited no little comment here. There is some talk of the committee's being called to reconsider its action. A member who voted against the motion to lay Captain Cunningham Hall's resolution on the table said to-day he believed if there should be another meeting the committee would provide a method for the Democrats to express their choice. He stated that he would see members of the committee with a view to preparing a petition and submitting it to Chairman Wallace asking him to convene the committee to-morrow night.

MUCH DISSATISFACTION.

There is almost universal dissatisfaction in this matter. The candidates wanted

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